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EAST BERLIN, JULY 7, REUTER -- EAST GERMANY ANNOUNCED TODAY ITS SECURITY FORCES ARRESTED A WEST GERMAN ON CHARGES OF SMUGGLING MILITARY SECRETS TO BONN'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.
THE OFFICIAL ADN NEWS AGENCY IDENTIFIED THE MAN ONLY AS KURT L., AND SAID HE WAS CAUGHT ''IN THE ACT,'' WITHOUT GIVING FURTHER DETAILS.
HIS ARREST BRINGS THE TOTAL OF ALLEGED WESTERN AGENTS SEIZED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS TO 28. THREE WEEKS AGO A MAN AND WOMAN WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH CARRYING OUT ESPIONAGE WORK FOR BONN OVER MANY YEARS; AND TWO WEEKS EARLIER WEST GERMAN DIETER VOGEL WAS JAILED FOR LIFE FOR SPYING FOR THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.
WESTERN DIPLOMATS HERE HAVE SAID THAT EAST GERMANY MIGHT BE CRACKING DOWN ON WESTERN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THE HOPE OF ARRANGING A SWAP FOR MASTER SPY GUENTER GUILLAUME, WHOSE ARREST IN 1974 LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT.
GUILLAUME HAD WORKED AS MR BRANDT'S PERSONAL AIDE. HIS WIFE CHRISTEL WAS FREED FROM JAIL AND SENT TO EAST GERMANY LAST MARCH IN RETURN FOR NINE WEST GERMANS IMPRISONED HERE; BUT GUILLAUME HIMSELF IS STILL IN JAIL IN WEST GERMANY.B
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